

REMARKS

The First Office Action raised rejections to Claims 1-17 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. In addition, the First Office Action raised objections to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are now respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the First Office Action, Claims 1-17 and 21-23, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,599,223 ("the Wang Patent"). The Examiner's rendition of Figure 1 is illustrated in Appendix 1.

Amendments to the Claims

Basis for the amendments to the claims is found within the drawings and throughout the specification. For example the specification specifically refers to a resistance assembly being coupled to the cord at page 12, line 19: "First end 54 of cord 53 can be coupled to the resistance assembly, e.g., a weight stack."

Claims 1, 5, 8, 11, 13 and 21, as amended and presented herein, recite a tube and pulley positioned at the proximal end of the arm, as opposed to the Wang reference, which has a pulley at its arm's distal end. Claim 23 recites a portion of the second pulley being positioned within the tube, which is not featured in the Wang reference.

Claims 24-31 are new.

Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims, and their related dependent claims, particularly as amended and presented herein, are neither disclosed nor rendered obvious by the Wang Patent. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 1-17

and 21-23, as amended and presented herein, under 35 U.S.C. § 102 has been overcome and should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Drawing Objections

The First Office Action presents an objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). A proposed drawing correction specifically showing a weight stack 15 is included herein. Basis for the amendments to the drawings is found within the drawings and throughout the specification, including the patent incorporated therein by reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,238,323 (see p. 8, line 23). For example, as mentioned above, the specification specifically refers to a resistance assembly being coupled to the cord at page 12, line 19: "First end 54 of cord 53 can be coupled to the resistance assembly, e.g., a weight stack." Also, placement of the reference numeral 61 is shown in Figure 2 (see Specification, page 13, lines 1-2). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objections of the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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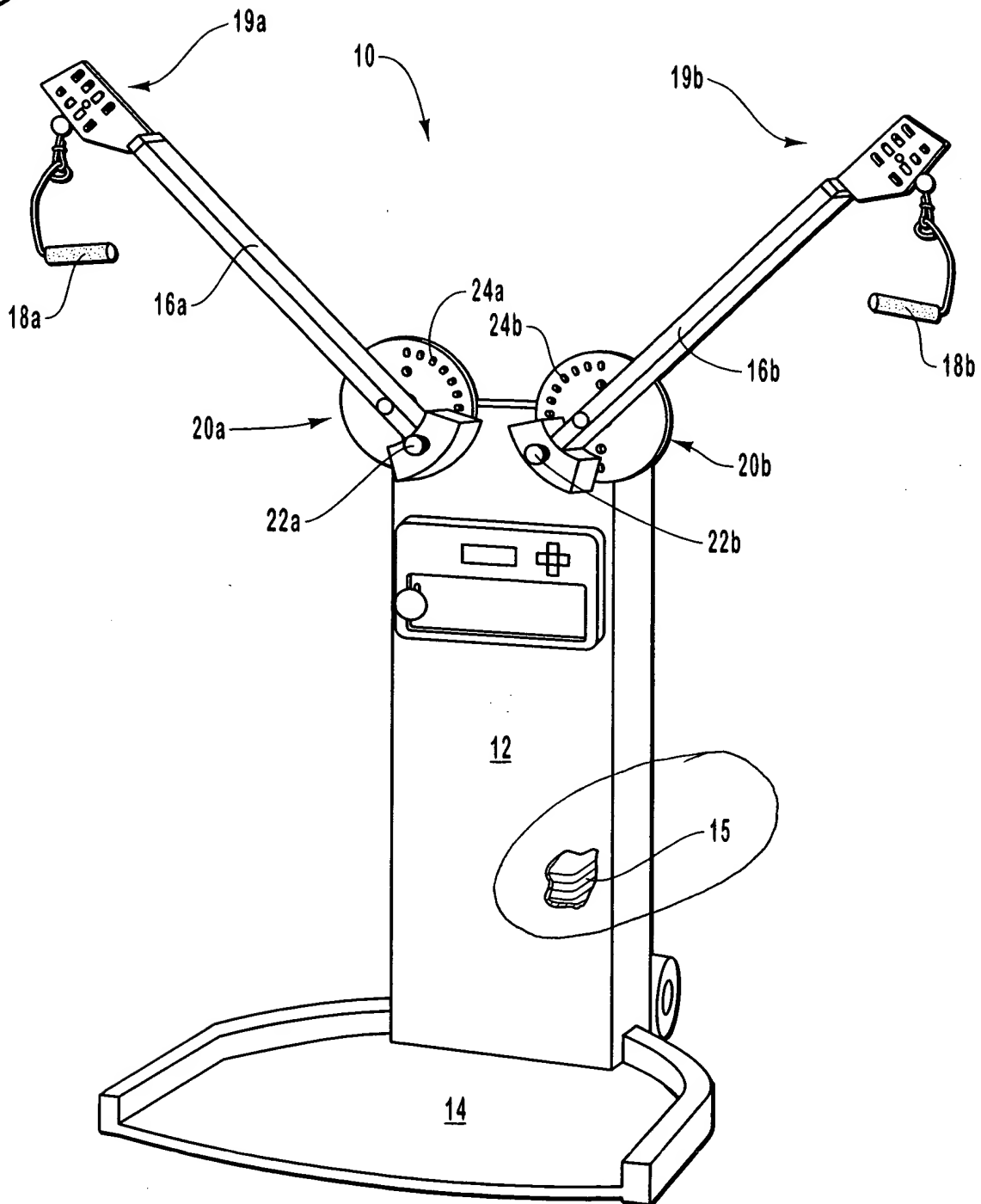


FIG. 1



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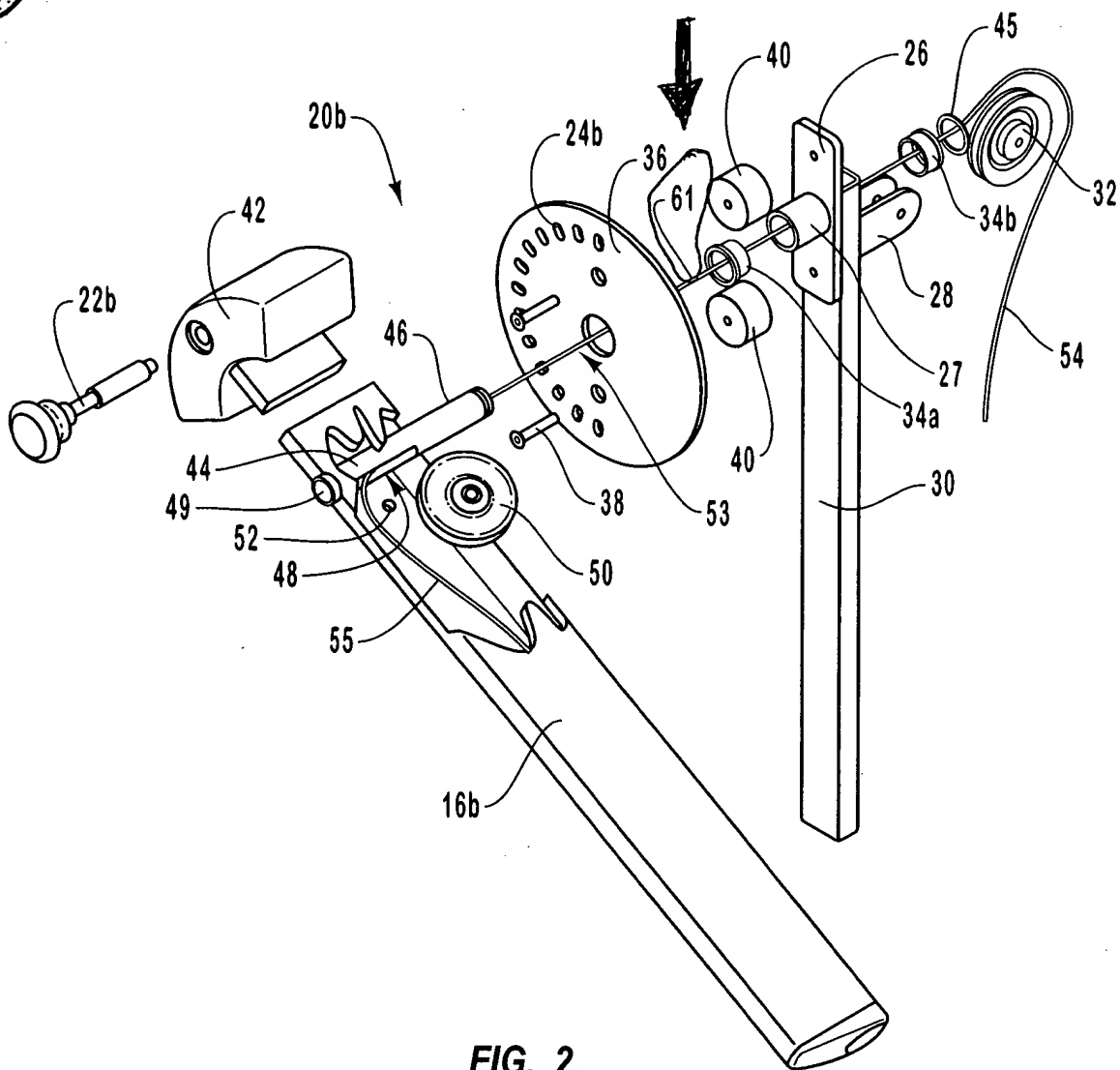


FIG. 2

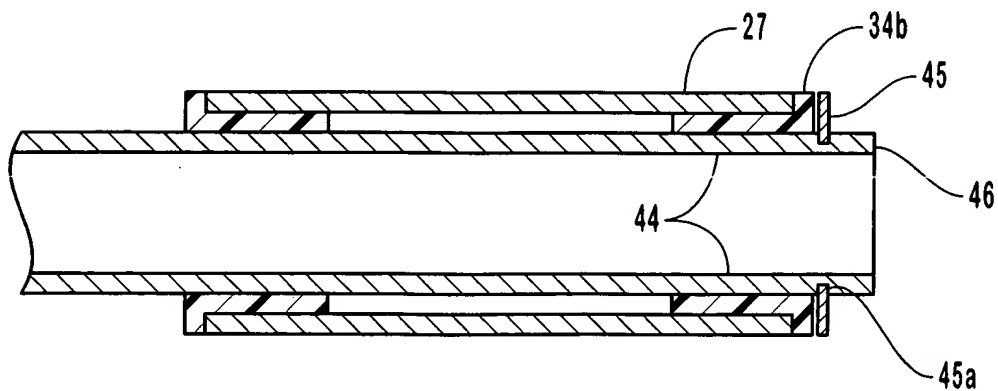


FIG. 2A